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You can make a powerful impact on the lives of other young people by taking advantage of these opportunities to volunteer with youth. Share your experience, play ball, create a garden or teach crafts. Whatever your involvement, you will be a part of enriching the life of a child.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

418 S. Walnut St., PO Box 2534 47402
334-2828
www.bigsindiana.org

Volunteer Contact: Liz Grenat
Email: bbbs@bloomington.in.us

Minimum Age: 16 (parent/guardian permission required)

Matches children, ages 6-17, with volunteer adult mentors. Depending on the program, children and parents are visited at home, in school or at other partner sites. Children are referred to BBBS by parents, teachers or counselors.

* High School Bigs spend 1-2 hours after school at least one day per week with a child at Boys & Girls Club (downtown) or Summit, Templeton or Fairview elementary schools. Volunteers are matched individually with a Little, but will enjoy the benefits of a facilitated group setting. Volunteer Commitment: School year; 1-2 hours weekly, after school hours. Requirements: MUST PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION! Interview and training required.

BLOOMINGTON DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

1807 S. Highland Ave.
Bloomington, IN. 47401
336-6600
www.bdlc.org

Volunteer Contact: Vanessa Fenker
Email: bdlc_kids@yahoo.com

Minimum Age: 14
w/Parental Supervision: 8

BDLC has provided quality childcare in a learning environment since 1973. Serves children 6-weeks old to 6-years old in a licensed, accredited facility. Located 1½ blocks from YMCA.

* Seeking teen volunteers interested in helping teachers in the classroom. Volunteer shifts are 2 hours a week, once a week after school or during vacation periods. Volunteer teaching aids help provide children with enriching experiences. Especially interested in volunteers with an interest in art, music, theatre, dance or reading. Teens who once attended BDLC are encouraged to return as program volunteers.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Lincoln St. Unit

311 S. Lincoln St., PO Box 1716 47402-1716
332-5311

www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org

Crestmont Unit

1108 N. Summit St.
PO Box 1716 47402-1716
336-6501

www.bloomingtonboysandgirlsclub.org

Volunteer Contact: Sarah Ward (Main Club) or Hannah Brewer (Crestmont Club)

Email: bgclub@bloomington.in.us

Minimum Age: 14

An afterschool, summer and nonschool day program for boys and girls ages 6-18 with a variety of age appropriate programs to meet every youth's needs.

* Share your knowledge of a particular skill in sports, dance, cooking, art, music, cheerleading, group clubs or be a tutor/mentor.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON VOLUNTEER NETWORK

401 N. Morton St., Ste.260
349-3472

www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer

Volunteer Contact: Bet Savich

Minimum Age: All Ages

Email: savichb@bloomington.in.gov

Promotes and facilitates volunteer activities throughout the community and assists agencies in the recruitment, utilization and management of volunteers.

* All ages can earn the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) through service to your community. Every hour of volunteer service that you perform over the course of a year can be counted toward your award total. Youth 14 and under earn the bronze award after 50 volunteer hours. Youth 15 to 18 earn the

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bronze award after 100 hours. Silver and Gold Awards can also be earned. Recipients receive an official PVSA lapel pin and certificate of achievement from the President of the United States and an official City of Bloomington lapel pin and letter of recognition from the Mayor of Bloomington. Sign up now to register for the Weekly Volunteer Update to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities! The CBN is the home of this Teens Volunteer guide. Help us make it better by sending in your ideas and photos of you or your group volunteering!

GIRL SCOUTS - TULIP TRACE COUNCIL

PO Box 5485, 5596 E. State Rd. 46 47407
336-6804
www.tuliptrace.org

Volunteer Contact: Autumn Butler **Minimum Age:** 14
Email: gscouts@tuliptrace.org

The Girl Scouts locally link over 4,000 girls, ages 5-17, with adult role models in working partnerships, which stimulates self-discovery, provides fun and friendship, helps develop skills and builds self-confidence.

* Help out with projects and activities as well as basic office work. Duties range from office tasks such as filing and mailings to craft preparation and special projects. Young men and women welcome!

GIRLS INCORPORATED OF MONROE COUNTY

1108 W. 8th St. 47404
336-7313
www.girlsinc-monroe.org

Volunteer Contact: Lee Ann Jourdan **Minimum Age:** 15
Email: ljourdan.monroe@girls-inc.org

The mission of Girls Inc. is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Girls Inc. is a place where girls develop healthy self-esteem and self-confidence, can be themselves and feel comfortable with themselves, express themselves with creativity and enthusiasm, and prepare for interesting work and economic independence.

* Looking for teens to be a positive role model for girls between the ages of 5 and 10. People skilled in woodworking, computers, photography, arts and crafts are needed to teach a small group of girls once per week. Also, special needs volunteers help on a one-to-one basis.

IU DIVISION OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS

1601 Law Lane 47405
855-7771
www.recsports.indiana.edu

Volunteer Contact: Rachel Westberg **Minimum Age:** 16
Email: rwestber@indiana.edu

Sponsors a free monthly "Family Night," an evening of fun that brings the university and the community closer together and encourages the use of the Division's facility.

* Assist from 6-9pm at the Student Recreational Sports Center (SRSC). Volunteers help set up and run fun recreational programs for children and families. Contact the facility for a schedule of upcoming events.

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY (MCPL) TUTORS FOR TEENS

303 E. Kirkwood Ave. 47408
349-3450 ext. 2055
www.mcpl.info/teens

Volunteer Contact: Tiana Tew **Minimum Age:** 7th grade
Email: ttew@mcpl.info

MCPL provides print and audiovisual materials, reference help, free programs for all ages, homework help and a College Center.

* "Tutors for Teens" Board connects volunteer tutors who offer one-on-one assistance in various subject areas of study with students in need of tutoring help. Sign up at the Tutors' Board on the second floor of MCPL. Volunteers must have completed 6th grade.

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

303 E. Kirkwood Ave. 47408
349-3100
www.mcpl.info/childrens

Volunteer Contact: Patty Callison **Minimum Age:** high school
Email: pattcall@mcpl.info

MCPL has six professional Children's librarians skilled at working with children and providing a variety of children's programs and services.

* Children's Services offers frequent opportunities for volunteers interested in working with children or behind the scenes with librarians. Summer volunteers can help with programs for younger children.

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MONROE COUNTY YMCA

2125 S. Highland Ave. 47401
332-5555 ext. 251
www.monroecountyyymca.org

Volunteer Contact: Kim Smith
Email: ksmith@monroecountyyymca.org

Minimum Age: 16

Strengthens our community through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

* Volunteer Adapted Aquatic Swim Instructors will be trained to work with participants that may have physical and/or developmental disabilities with swimming, water safety, recreation and social skills. Teens can also participate as assistant youth sports coaches for soccer, flag football, basketball and gymnastics. Other teen volunteer opportunities are available in youth summer sports camps in basketball, flag football, gymnastics, golf, volleyball and baseball.

RHINO'S YOUTH CENTER

325½ S. Walnut St. 47401
333-3430
www.bloomington.in.us/~rhinos

Volunteer Contact: Brad Wilhelm
Email: rhinos@bloomington.in.us

Minimum Age: All Ages

An all-ages music club and youth center that features bands on the weekends and after school programming in an alcohol-free, smoke-free environment. Operated by Harmony School Corp. with support from the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department.

* Teen volunteers are always needed. Consider the weekly Community Mural Project for youth volunteers to create art and display it in People's Park, the Youth Radio program at WFHB Community Radio, weekly concerts and promotions, the Youth Journalism Project, or participate in the production of "Rhinoplasty" a teen-produced TV show aired weekly in cooperation with CATS.

WONDERLAB

308 W. 4th St. / PO Box 996 47402-0996
337-1337 ext. 20
www.wonderlab.org

Volunteer Contact: Jeanne Gunning
Email: volunteer@wonderlab.org

Minimum Age: 13 or entering 7th grade

Provides opportunities for people of all ages, especially children, to experience the wonder and excitement of science through exhibits and programs that stimulate curiosity, encourage exploration and foster lifelong learning.

* Donate your body to science by volunteering at WonderLab, helping visitors explore hands-on exhibits and programs. Volunteering opportunities for teens entering grades 7 and above are available Tuesday through Sunday and fit any schedule. Special events include the annual BubbleFest in July. Have fun, get work experience, and give a boost to your college or job application.